

REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted to enter the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement and List of References into the file record of the above-captioned application. The references listed were cited in an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on June 8, 2010 in connection with the Japanese counterpart patent application No. 2004-567410.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered in connection with this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite this matter, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-0289 referencing docket no. 1258_3146US.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0289.

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